

'At least 2 people' assassinated JFK pathologist claims

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP-
Reuter) — A forensic pa-
thologist who examined the
records and materials of
the autopsy performed on
President John F. Kennedy
said Saturday that accused
assassin Lee Harvey Os-
wald could not have acted
alone.

Dr. Cyril Wecht, Alleghe-
ny County coroner, said at
a news conference that a
two-day examination of the
autopsy materials at the
National Archives in Wash-
ington, D.C., convinced him
that it was "physically im-
possible" for only one gun-
man to have slain Kennedy
in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963.

Wecht's findings were in
direct contradiction not
only with the Warren Com-
mission conclusion that a
single assassin was respon-
sible for Kennedy's death,
but also with a report by
Dr. George K. Lattimer,
the first private physician
to examine the x-rays.

Wecht said: "The fact is
that the physical evidence
shows that not any one per-
son could have been a
shooter. There had to have
been at least two people
shooting."

Wecht charged that the
single-assassin finding
hinges on the theory that

one bullet fired from a sin-
gle gun wounded Kennedy
in the back seat of his lim-
ousine, and also wounded
and passed through Texas
Gov. John Connally, who
was riding in the front seat.

Lattimer made his report
last January, about two
months after the expiration
of the Kennedy family five-
year ban on making public
the material.

At that time, Lattimer,
chairman of the department
of urology at Columbia Uni-
versity College of Physi-
cians and Surgeons, said
the x-rays proved that the
front and rear wounds in
the slain president were
caused by the same bullet
which passed through Ken-
nedy's body and then struck
Connally.

Wecht disagreed: "It is
absolutely untenable from a
scientific standpoint. I was
quite amazed at the pris-
tine shape of the bullet.
When one examines the
bullet and the various films,
there can be little or no
question that that bullet did
not traverse the body of
two men."

Wecht also charged that
Kennedy's preserved brain
and slides of tissues around
his bullet wounds were
withheld from the archives,
apparently by the Kennedy
family.

Kennedy spokesman
Burke Marshall said all
data requested by the jus-
tice department was filed.
He deplored Wecht's "chas-
ing after parts of the presi-
dent's body because he
hasn't found any evidence
that anything else was
wrong."

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